

EXHIBIT “L”

February 17, 2024 Deposition Transcript of James Brexler

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JOSEPH S. AUTERI, M.D. : No. 22-cv-03384
Plaintiff, :
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vs. :
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VIA AFFILIATES, d/b/a : JURY TRIAL
DOYLESTOWN HEALTH : DEMANDED
PHYSICIANS :
Defendant. :

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Monday, February 17, 2025
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Deposition of JAMES BREXLER,
taken pursuant to notice, at the law offices
of Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein,
P.C., 910 Harvest Drive, Blue Bell,
Pennsylvania, before Michele L. Murphy, a
Registered Professional Reporter and Notary
Public, on the above date, beginning at
approximately 9:32 a.m.

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1 that would be the case. I'm just not
2 personally aware exactly what day. I don't
3 recall the date.

4 Q. Were you a participant in the phone
5 call?

6 A. No, ma'am.

7 Q. How did you become aware that the
8 phone call occurred?

9 A. Because I called Mr. Gorsky and
10 asked if he would be willing to talk to
11 Dr. Auteri about the vaccine.

12 Q. Did you tell Mr. Gorsky that
13 Dr. Auteri had not received the vaccine?

14 A. I told Mr. Gorsky that Dr. Auteri
15 was not willing at this point and
16 uncomfortable taking the vaccine.

17 Q. Did you ask Dr. Auteri's permission
18 to disclose that information to Mr. Gorsky?

19 A. I actually had that conversation
20 with him in my office and said, would you be
21 willing to talk to Mr. Gorsky about your
22 concerns about the vaccine, and he said, yes,
23 he would.

24 Q. Did you get Dr. Auteri's permission
25 to tell Mr. Gorsky that Dr. Auteri had not

1 whatever additional information that
2 Dr. Auteri might need to get on board
3 with being able to be comfortable taking
4 the vaccine.

5 BY MS. RUSSELL:

6 Q. Did you have any discussion with
7 Mr. Gorsky about what VIA Affiliates would be
8 willing to do for Dr. Auteri to get Dr. Auteri
9 on board to take the vax?

10 MR. DURHAM: Objection.

11 THE WITNESS: I don't recall
12 that I did.

13 BY MS. RUSSELL:

14 Q. What did Mr. Gorsky mean by, what
15 will it take to get you on board to take the
16 vax?

17 MR. DURHAM: Objection; lacks
18 foundation. I don't think he's testified
19 that Mr. Gorsky said that.

20 THE WITNESS: I believe --

21 MS. RUSSELL: Stop coaching the
22 witness.

23 BY MS. RUSSELL:

24 Q. Can you answer the question?

25 MR. DURHAM: I'm not coaching.

1 You're mischaracterizing testimony and
2 you're not laying a foundation.

3 MS. RUSSELL: You can make an
4 objection to form. Make an objection to
5 form. That's enough.

6 BY MS. RUSSELL:

7 Q. Go ahead, Mr. Brexler, you can
8 answer the question.

9 A. I cannot speak to what Mr. Gorsky
10 might have -- what he specifically intended in
11 that. I know that in his conversation with
12 me, he referenced that he was looking for
13 anything that could help Joe feel better about
14 taking the vaccine and the safety of taking
15 the vaccine.

16 Q. Who could tell me what Mr. Gorsky
17 meant by that?

18 MR. DURHAM: Objection.

19 THE WITNESS: You would have to
20 ask Mr. Gorsky.

21 BY MS. RUSSELL:

22 Q. Now, the two calls that you
23 testified that you had with Mr. Gorsky, did
24 you report or tell anybody else about those
25 calls?

1 Q. Did you tell Mr. Gorsky all of those
2 other people's names who refused to take the
3 vaccine and ask Mr. Gorsky to call them?

4 A. No, ma'am.

5 MR. DURHAM: Objection.

6 BY MS. RUSSELL:

7 Q. So this was just specific to
8 Dr. Auteri, that you asked Mr. Gorsky to pick
9 up the phone and call Dr. Auteri and try to
10 get him to take the vax, correct?

11 A. It was specific to Mr. Gorsky, who
12 Dr. Auteri and Mr. Gorsky knew each other very
13 well, were part of the development of the
14 Heart Center and was part of the funding
15 program, and was the head of the program that
16 invented the vaccine and the head of our
17 cardiac surgery program that was refusing at
18 that point to take the vaccine. So it was a
19 very important call. I felt that it was worth
20 calling Mr. Gorsky and asking if he would
21 be -- after I had asked Joe if he would be
22 open to talking to Mr. Gorsky, and he said he
23 would. So I did it on follow-up of that
24 conversation with Dr. Auteri.

25 Q. So it wasn't worth it to have

1 Mr. Gorsky call any of the other people who
2 were refusing to take the vaccine; is that
3 fair?

4 MR. DURHAM: Objection.

5 THE WITNESS: We have the
6 highest paid, most prominent surgeon, and
7 it felt like it was an appropriate issue
8 to ask that he have that conversation
9 with Dr. Auteri. No, I would not have
10 Mr. Gorsky contact every employee in
11 Doylestown Health.

12 BY MS. RUSSELL:

13 Q. Did I hear you to say that
14 Mr. Gorsky was a donor to the cardiac program
15 somehow?

16 A. He was a donor --

17 MR. DURHAM: Objection.

18 THE WITNESS: He was a donor to
19 our One Vision Campaign, major donor,
20 which went to the cardiac -- to the whole
21 heart program.

22 BY MS. RUSSELL:

23 Q. Major donor. What do you mean by
24 that?

25 A. Multiple millions of dollars.

1 Q. And so by the time that you were
2 asking Mr. Gorsky to call Dr. Auteri, is it
3 fair to say that Mr. Gorsky was already a,
4 quote, major donor to the One Vision Campaign
5 which funded the cardiac program?

6 MR. DURHAM: Objection.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 BY MS. RUSSELL:

9 Q. Did VIA Affiliates, Doylestown
10 Hospital, or Doylestown Health offer
11 Dr. Auteri reinstatement at any time after
12 November 18, 2022?

13 MR. DURHAM: Objection.

14 THE WITNESS: Not to my
15 knowledge.

16 BY MS. RUSSELL:

17 Q. As of January 2022, Doylestown
18 Health had implemented a testing program for
19 unvaccinated employees to be tested on a
20 regular basis, correct?

21 MR. DURHAM: Objection.

22 THE WITNESS: I'm not
23 specifically aware of that. We probably
24 did, but I'm not -- I don't know
25 specifics about that.